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SUBJECT: WATER CONFERENCE PREP COM:

AGENDA ITEM 8 (RULES OF PROCEDURE)

REF: A) USUN 261

1. SUMMARY: CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT HAS DISTRIBUTED DOCUMENT E/C. 7/L.38 AS DRAFT PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR DISCUSSION AT PREPCOM COMMENCING FEBRUARY 23. DOCUMENT BASICALLY TRACKS RULES OF PROCEDURE RECENTLY APPROVED FOR HABITAT CONFERENCE (SEE HABITAT DOCUMENT A/CONF. 70/PC/19, AS AMENDED), WITH SOME SEMATIC CHANGES AND SUBSTANTIVE MODIFICATIONS, AS SET FORTH BELOW.

2. WATER CONFERENCE DRAFT CONTAINS ALMOST VERBATIM LANGUAGE OF HABITAT RULES RELATING TO "OTHER PARTICIPANTS" (CHAPTER XI). IN ADDITION, WATER CONFERENCE PROPOSAL INCLUDES NEW RULE FOR PARTICIPATION OF "INTERESTED UNITED NATIONS ORGANS" WITH SAME STANDING AS REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.

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3. AT HABITAT PREPCOM US EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS REGARD-

ING EXPANDED ROLE OF OBSERVERS, (SEE REF). THIS STATEMENT WAS MADE AFTER APPROVAL OF THE CONFERENCE RULES. A SIMILAR TACK WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE IN THIS INSTANCE AS WELL.

4. THE CURRENT VERSION OF THE WATER CONFERENCE PROVISIONAL RULES DOES NOT: A) INCLUDE ARABIC AS A PROCONFERENCE LANGUAGE, (RULE 45); B) DEAL WITH COMMUNIQUE ON PRIVATE MEETINGS (RULE 50 OF HABITAT RULES); OR C) INDICATE A PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICES (RULE 40).

5. THE DRAFT RULES DO: A) REFLECT DIFFERENCES IN STRUCTURE BETWEEN TWO CONFERENCES (SECRETARY GENERAL IN THE CASE OF HABITAT, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR THE WATER CONFERENCE) (RULE 11); B) EMPOWER THE PRESIDENT TO LIMIT EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE (RULE 34); AND C) PROVIDES FOR A DEFINITION OF "PROPOSAL" (RULE 37).

6. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S COMMENT AND GUIDANCE ON DRAFT RULES.
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